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SUBJ: ALLEGATION VP KY FAVORS COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN OCTOBER 3 ELECTION

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1. AP ITEM FROM LOS ANGELES APRIL 28 CITES HAROLD WILLENS AS SAYING KY FAVORS COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN OCTOBER 3 ELECTION. ITEM WAS PARTIALLY CENSORED OUT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY SAIGON POST APRIL 30. SOME VENACULAR PAPERS HAVE CARRIED A BRIEF ACCOUNT CITING KY AS FAVORING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION BUT NOT INCLUDING POINT ABOUT OCTOBER 3 ELECTION.

2. THIS IS A SOMEWHAT DISTORTED ACCOUNT OF KY'S VIEWS. SINCE IN HIS TALK WITH WILLENS HE ACTUALLY ADVOCATED COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS AFTER AN AGREED CEASEFIRE AND REDRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION (SEE REFTEL AND KY-WILLENS MEMCON OF APRIL 15 POUCHED EA/VN AND USDEL).

3. WE PROPOSE TO STAY COMPLETELY OUT OF THE MATTER AND IF ASKED FOR COMMENT SAY THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH SHOULD BE REFERRED TO KY.
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